REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	24 November 2003
Name of applicant/court:	The District Court at Manukau
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable.
Title of Publication:	Isaku 1+2+3+4
Other Known Title(s):	Optical disk entitled "1+2+3+4" - disk reference number DA1002
Director(s):	Not Stated
Producer(s):	Not Stated
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author(s):	Not Applicable
Format:	DVD
Country of Origin:	Japan
Language(s):	Japanese with Chinese subtitles

Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Isaku 1+2+3+4	Running Time:	113.23
Trailers:	Nil	Running Time:	
		Total Running Time:	113.23

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The DVD entitled *Isaku 1+2+3+4* is classified as:
Objectionable.

This classification is because the publication tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes and also promotes and supports the use of violence or coercion to compel any person to participate in, or submit to, sexual conduct.

The publication comprises one Japanese animated feature, which contains explicit depictions of female characters being raped. The publication clearly presents sexual violence as a sexually arousing and viable activity. The feature also presents explicit images of young persons engaging in sexual activity. Thus the publication creates the impression that young persons are valid sexual partners.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of "a free and democratic society" to limit the availability of publications that tend to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes, and that promote and support the use of violence or coercion to compel any person to participate in, or submit to, sexual conduct.

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